## Supplement to DHS-Pub 748 Understanding Child Support, A Handbook for Parents

## Is there a cost or fee for child support services?

Beginning September 2008, Michigan will collect a \$25 yearly fee for IV-D child support cases that meet all of the following requirements:

- The custodial party has never received cash assistance for a child named in the support order.
- The custodial party does **not** currently receive food assistance for a child named in the order.
- The custodial party has received a total of at least \$500 in support payments during each fiscal year (October through September).

Once an order for child support has been established, federal and state laws require that if the case meets all of the above requirements, Michigan will collect the \$25 fee. The fee will be collected from the custodial party's support payment after (s)he has received \$500. A separate \$25 fee will be collected on each case that meets the requirements listed above. Michigan will only collect the \$25 fee on each case once per fiscal year.